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Applicant: Scott Watson Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No. 09/706,055 Group Art Unit: Not Known
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENHANCED BROADCASTING AND
INTERACTIVE TELEVISION

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By: Name: ROBERT N. BLACKMON

DECLARATION OF ROBERT N. BLACKMON IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE
SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER §708.02

I, Robert N. Blackmon, state and declare as follows:

1. I am a professional patent searcher specializing in patent and trademark search matters. I have over 12 years of experience as a patent searcher.

2. On February 14, 2001, I was contacted by Charles Berman, attorney for Petitioner, and requested to conduct a validity search for an invention entitled System and Method for Enhanced Broadcasting and Interactive Television. The invention provides for a delivery network such as the internet for delivering television broadcast enhancements by providing predictions, requests, suggestions, etc. I was requested to conduct a validity search for patents in this area.

3. The following fields of search were conducted:

<u>Number:</u>	<u>Description:</u>
463	AMUSEMENT DEVICES: GAMES
463/1	INCLUDING MEANS FOR PROCESSING ELECTRONIC DATA (E.G., COMPUTER/VIDEO GAME, ETC.)
463/9	.In a game requiring strategy or problem solving by a participant (e.g., problem eliciting response, puzzle,

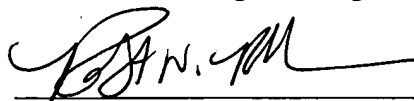
	etc.)
463/25	. Credit/debit monitoring or manipulation (e.g., game entry, betting, prize level, etc.)
463/40	. With communication link (e.g., television broadcast, etc.)
463/41	.. Telephonic (e.g., modem, etc.)
463/42	.. Network type (e.g., computer network, etc.)
463/43	. Data storage or retrieval (e.g., memory, video tape, etc.)
725	INTERACTIVE VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
725/112	VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITH UPSTREAM COMMUNICATION
	. having link to external network
	.. link transmits (e.g. URL sent to user)
725/136	VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITH LOCAL INTERACTION
	. Interactive Data Transmittal
	.. In video signal band
725/141	. headend
	.. with diverse device
725/142	.. having particular storage feature
379	TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS
379/92.01	TELEPHONE LINE OR SYSTEM COMBINED WITH DIVERSE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR SIGNALING (E.G., COMPOSITE)
	. Polling
379/92.03	.. Having central station equipment
379/92.04	.. Having subscriber station equipment
379/93.25	.. Having station display
	... Having remote database (e.g., videotex system)
348	TELEVISION
348/473	FORMAT
	. Including additional information
348/478	.. During sync, blanking, or overscan
	... During vertical blanking

4. Based on my search in the above classes and subclasses, I located a number of patents, listed below in order of relevance, which I believe to be relevant to the objectives and/or invention described in the above-identified application:

<u>U.S. Patent No.:</u>	<u>First Named Inventor:</u>
6,183,366	Goldberg et al.
6,135,881	Abbott et al.
6,080,063	Khosla
5,907,715	Stoel et al.
5,860,862	Junkin
5,734,413	Lappington et al.
5,695,401	Lowe et al.
5,679,077	Pocock et al.
5,641,319	Stoel et al.
5,462,275	Lowe et al.
5,083,800	Lockton
5,073,931	Audebert et al.

5. I am aware that willful, false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. §1001), and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon. I also declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Executed on this 1st day of March, 2001, at Arlington, Virginia.



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